the civil sector could meaningfully respond to the needs of the defence services.

(iii) Procedural problems coming in the way of effective participation of the civil sector in defence production should be reviewed.

(iv) There should be commercialisation of R&D efforts in Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the laboratory facilities of DRDO should be made accessible to the civil sector

(v) There should be a dialogue between the defence sector and the civil sector for utilisation of each other's capabilities.

The Government policy with regard to defence production is precisely on the lines suggested in the seminar. The following steps in that direction have already been taken:—

(i) A forum has been established in the Deptt of Defence Production and Supplies (DDP&S) for interaction on a continuing basis between the civil sector and defence with a view to resolving the procedural problems coming in the way of civil sector participation in defence production and also to bring about transparency in notifying users' requirements.

(ii) DDP&S provides promotional assistance to civil sector firms entrusted with productionisation of assemblies and sub-assemblies of major equipments in the form of developmental advances and guidance in development of prototypes and also in bul manufacture.

(iii) DRDO has an established procedure for sharing and commercialisation of R&D efforts which can have spin-off application in civil sector. Also DRDO laboratories are allowing use of test and infrastructural facilities to civil sector on mutually agreed terms.

(iv) A dialogue has already been initiated between Ordnance Factory Board and associations of industry for utilisation of each other's capacities.

डा० अम्बेडकर की स्मृति में एक भवन का निर्माण

405. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि महू के सैनिक बैरकों में डा० अम्बेडकर की स्मृति में एक भवन बनाने के लिए सरकार ने 1975 में जमीन देने की घोषणा की थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या अब तक यह जमीन "डा० अम्बेडकर राष्ट्रीय समाज विज्ञान संस्थान" को नहीं सौंपी गयी है; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) संस्थान को यह जमीन कब तक दे दी जायेगी?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार): (क) से (ग) सरकार ने महू छावनी में 22,500 वर्ग फुट खाली पड़ी रक्षा भूमि स्वर्गीय डा० बी० आर० अम्बेडकर का स्मारक बनाने के लिए सितम्बर, 1975 में डा० बी० आर अम्बेडकर स्मृति समिति को पट्टे पर देनी स्वीकृत की थी। भूमि उक्त समिति को 18.10.1977 को सुपुर्द कर दी गई थी।

डा० अम्बेडकर राष्ट्रीय समाज विज्ञान संस्थान से रक्षा भूमि के आबंटन के लिए कोई आवेदन प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Defence Agreement Between India and Malaysia

406. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a defence agreement has recently been signed between India and Malaysia; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

on Defence Cooperation has been signed between the two Governments.

(b) The MOU provides for promotion of bilateral defence relations and cooperation in specific areas to be agreed upon, including, *inter alia* product support and services; bilateral defence projects; transfer of technology, technical assistance, training and co-production; defence science and technology and military-to-military professional exchanges?

Progress on LCA

407. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in regard to the light Combat Aircraft project;

(b) when the prototype is likely to be ready; and

(c) when the aircraft is expected to be commissioned into regular service?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) After completion of Project Definition Phase (PDP), the Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) commenced in April 90 and would be carried out in two phases. Critical technologies for LCA are planned to be demonstrated in Phase I of FSED, which is already in progress. Phase II envisages integration of various other technologies being developed parallely during Phase I. Government sanction is being sought for enhanced requirement of funds for Phase I activities.

(b) First flight of the technology demonstrator LCA is planned during 1996.

(c) After commencement of production, the LCA is likely to enter into Service-use around 2004.

INDO-US Defence Co-operation

408. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the aegis of Indo-US defence, Co-operation was achieved with the holding of 17th Pacific Arms Management Seminar (PAM-17) in India from 21st to 30th January;

(b) if so, how many countries participated in this seminar; and

(c) the objectives of the seminar as far as defence matters are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Army officers from 30 countries particpated in the Seminar.

(c) The objective of the Seminar was to provide a non political forum for professional exchanges, amongst middle and senior ground force officers, on "UN Peace-keeping Operation".

Cantonment Land in Hyderabad Secunderabad

409. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some exemptions are given in regard to cantonment land in Hyderabad and Secunderabad; and

(b) if so, what the details thereof; and whether some applications are pending in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Exemption from the operation of Chapter III of Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulations) Act, 1976 has been accorded, under Section 20 of the said Act, to 17 Coorperative Housing Societies in Secunderabad Cantonment, Six more similar applications have been received.